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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION--U.S. ATTITUDES TOWARD CUBA AND PORTUGAL

1. BELGRADE, AUGUST 28: POLITIKA'S NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT JURIJ GUSTINCIC WRITES THAT WHILE U.S. RELATIONS WITH CUBA ARE "SHOWING SIGNS OF PROGRESS," PORTUGAL IS BECOMING THE NEWEST "RED DANGER" IN AMERICAN EYES.

2. "IN A WORD, THE CUBAN ISSUE HAS ENTERED CALMER WATERS IN AMERICAN POLICY. BUT THE TACTIC OF FREIGHTENING THE PUBLIC WITH TALK OF COMMUNIST DANGER HAS NOT DISSAPPEUOED FROM THE LOCAL (AMERICAN) POLITICAL SCENE. WHILE THERE IS NOT MORE SHOUTING ABOUT THE DANGER OF EXPORTING COMMUNISM (FROM CUBA), IT IS NOW POPULAR TO SHOUT ABOUT THE IMPORT OF COMMUNISM (INTO PORTUGAL)."

3. "AT THE MOMENT, THE ADVANTAGE IS WITH THOSE WHO ATTACK THE PROPONENTS OF DETENTE. BUT PORTUGAL SHOULD BE THE PRICE TO BE PAID IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN DETENTE."

4. "THE COMPARISON OF THE SITUATIONS OF CUBA AND PORTUGAL IS SO INTERESTING, BECAUSE , AS THE AMERICANS ADMIT, DETENTE NEVER EXTENDED TO RELATIONS WITH CUBA. THE TENSION IN THE AMERICAN-

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CUBAN SPHERE, AN ANOMALY DATING FROM THE COLD WAR, SEEMS TO HAVE

BEEN OVERCOME. THAT TENSION, WHICH HAS ROOTS OF ITS OWN, MUST
BE OVERCOME FOR 'HEMIPHERIC' REASONS WHICH HAVE NOTHING TO DO
WITH RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW."
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